

MERIT PROMOTION
VACANCY RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

ABERDEEN AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
FEDERAL BUILDING, RM. 309, 115-4TH AVENUE S.E.
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA 57401

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December 6, 2005

POSITION: Infection Control and Safety Specialist LOCATION: PHS Indian Hospital
(WI2004) IOP Department
Winnebago, Nebraska

SALARY: GS-601-11, \$50,541 VACANCY NUMBER: AO-MPP-05-187-WI-R1
Per Annum

OPENING DATE: Dec. 7, 2005 CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applications and related documents must be received at the above address by **5:00 p.m.** on the closing date of this announcement. For information contact **DORIS BYINGTON** at **(605) 226-7399**. All applications are subject to retention; no requests for copies will be honored. Applications can be faxed to 605/226-7668, **(NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR UNSUCCESSFUL TRANSMISSIONS)**. Applications by e-mail will be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application.

E-MAIL TO: doris.byington@ihs.gov

APPOINTMENT:	WORK SCHEDULE:	AREA OF CONSIDERATION:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-Time	<input type="checkbox"/> IHS-Wide
<input type="checkbox"/> Not-To-Exceed The	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHHS-Wide
<u>applicant selected for this</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent	
<u>position may be appointed</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> May include	
<u>to either a one year appointment</u>	weekends and/or	
<u>or an appointment in excess of</u>	evenings	
<u>one year, depending on the</u>		
<u>status of the applicant.</u>		

MOVING: Travel may be paid provided all legal and regulatory requirements and travel regulations are met.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

ON-CALL ☐ YES ☒ NO *call-back duty is defined as irregular or occasional work performed by an employee on a day when the work was not scheduled for the employee. This will require the employee to return to his/her place of employment within the specified timeframes.

- ***Must provide AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK on application.***
- Applicants applying for the position may be required to be immunized, for measles and rubella, if he or she provides services or has contact with patients at the service units. Persons born before 1957 are not required to take the measles vaccine or provide proof of immunity. Special consideration may be

allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of a vaccine or have a history of severe reaction to a vaccine or who are currently pregnant.

GRADE POTENTIAL: ☒ NO ☐ YES to grade(s) GS-
SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL: ☒ NO ☐ YES

*May require one year probation

PREFERENCE IN FILLING VACANCIES IS GIVEN TO QUALIFIED INDIAN CANDIDATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT (TITLE 25, U.S.C. CODE, SECTION 472 AND 473). THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY, IHS CIRCULAR NO. 95-11, IN PLACE WHICH IT DISSEMINATES TO ITS EMPLOYEES.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR PERMANENT POSITIONS: (1) Federal employees occupying a permanent position who have competitive civil service status or those who acquired comparable status as a result of serving in an IHS excepted service position on an Excepted appointment; (2) Indian Preference eligibles occupying a temporary position or unemployed; (3) Other sources, e.g., positions covered by severely handicapped; Reinstatement eligibles, etc; (4) Current permanent employees with Indian Preference may also apply under the provisions of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan. Applicants must indicate on their application whether they are applying under the Merit Promotion Plan, Excepted Service Examining Plan, or both. Current IHS employees and those applicants eligible for reinstatement or transfer who do not indicate which procedures they are applying under will be considered under merit promotion only. "Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply."

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The Infection Control/Patient Safety Officer is accountable for the multiple facets of the hospital's Infection Control and Patient Safety programs. Develops a process for collecting and analyzing infection control data to decrease the risk of exposure, morbidity, and mortality and to improve patient outcomes. Develops, maintains, and evaluates a surveillance process to identify nosocomial and community acquired infections and environmental hazards. Implements infection control measures, evaluates, and makes recommendations to improve patient outcomes and decrease staff exposure. Provides resource expertise for the Service Unit regarding infection control and epidemiological issues and is available to advise caregivers as issues arise. Documents and maintains reports and studies of epidemiological studies, maintains confidential information on nosocomial infections. Participates in the evaluation of equipment and supplies in matters related to Infection Control. Consults with all disciplines to develop, implement, and evaluate care for particular patients and families for prevention or management of infections. Educates staff on infection control principles, disease transmission and consults on infection control issues. Acts as liaison and reports to appropriate state, county, local health agencies and other facilities regarding communicable disease and nosocomial infections. Compares surveillance data with that of other hospitals our size and reports trends and significant findings to appropriate staff.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must meet qualification standards as specified in **OPM Operating Manual** (Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions) and/or the Excepted Service Qualification Standard:

Selective Placement Factor: Infection Control: Certificate in the fundamentals of surveillance, prevention & control of health care, Acquired Infections course form Association of Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology (APIC). Center for

Disease Control training course in Infection Control/Epidemiology.

Basic Requirements: Degree: Major study in an academic field related to the health sciences or allied sciences appropriate to the work of the position.

GS-11: One year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the GS-9 grade level.

Specialized Experience: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

Example of Specialized Experience: Develops and evaluates criteria for nosocomial infections. Participates in establishing criteria for the infection control program to evaluate the efficiency of program activities. Assesses clusters of infections and conducts investigations of outbreaks. Inspects environment and observes practice to detect knowledge/practice deficits and hazards to patients, staff, and visitors. Identifies and reports epidemiological variations and implements control measures. Maintains records of education of employees in Infection Control.

EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Same as above.

Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements. Applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements and selective factors described in this announcement will be further evaluated by determining the extent to which their work or related experience, education, training, awards, outside activities, and performance appraisal, etc., indicate they possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities described below. All applicants should provide clear, concise examples that show level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSA's either on their application/resume or as a separate attachment. The information provided will be used to determine the "best qualified" candidates.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE – KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

1. **Knowledge regarding surveillance, prevention and control of infections that are coordinated and carried out in the hospital.**
2. **Knowledge of quality assurance and accreditation activities.**
3. **Knowledge and implementation of the National Patient Safety Goals.**
4. **Ability to intervene and provide consultation on the communicable disease process.**

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must meet time-after-competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, if applicable.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit their applications to the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, Division of Personnel Management, Federal Building, RM. 309, 115-4th Avenue, S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE ALL THE APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:**

1. Applicants may submit ONE of the following: a) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; b) SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; c) Resume; or

- d) any other written application format.
2. Current Performance Rating, if available.
3. Applicants claiming Indian Preference **MUST** submit along with their application, FORM BIA-4432, Verification of Indian Preference. **BIA FORM-4432 IS THE ONLY FORM OUR OFFICE WILL ACCEPT.** Current IHS employees of Aberdeen and Bemidji Areas need only indicate on their application that verification is on file in their Official Personnel Folder (OPF).
4. If you wish to substitute appropriate education for experience, you **MUST** submit your transcripts along with your application. If your education is appropriate for the position being filled then your education may be substituted for experience.
5. For current or former Federal employees, a copy of your latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B).
6. **VETERAN'S PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION:** Form DD-214 indicating discharge and or Form SF-15, claiming 10-point preference. Veteran's Preference is not applicable to current permanent employees with the Department of Health and Human Services, Federal employees with competitive status or reinstatement eligibles unless you are eligible for Indian Preference and wish to be considered for the Excepted Service. No preference will be allowed unless a copy of the DD-214 is attached to the application.

EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

IHS provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Alice LaFontaine, Selective Placement Officer, at (605) 226-7213. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COMMISSIONED CORPS CANDIDATES: Applicants should submit the following:

1. Copy of resume or curriculum vitae showing work experience, dates of employment, names and addresses of supervisors, include any education and other information reflecting individual qualifications for consideration.
- Commissioned Corp Applicants claiming Indian Preference must submit BIA form 4432 and will be evaluated against existing applicable standards.

INFORMATION REQUIRED ON RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS:

Resumes or other application formats must contain all of the information listed below in sufficient detail to enable the Personnel Office to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. **Failure to include any of the information listed below may result in loss of consideration for this position. This office will not solicit additional information.**

- a. Announcement Number, Title, and Grade of the job for which you are applying.
- b. Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day/evening telephone numbers (with area codes).
- c. Social Security Number
- d. Country of citizenship
- e. Veteran's preference
- f. Highest Federal Civilian Grade held (give job series and dates held).
- g. High School - Name, City, State (with zip code), and date of diploma or GED.
- h. Colleges and Universities - Name, City, State (with zip code), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester/quarter hours earned) (Attached transcripts).
- i. Work experience (paid/non-paid)-Job title (include series and if Federal job),

duties, responsibilities and accomplishments (*if you describe more than one type of work, i.e., carpentry and painting, or personnel and budget, write the approximate amount of time you spent doing each*), employer's name and address, supervisor's name and phone number, starting and ending dates (month/year), **AVERAGE HOURS WORKED PER WEEK**, and salary (beginning/ending).

- j. Indicate if we may contact your current and/or former supervisor.
- k. Job-related training courses, skills, certificates, registrations, and licenses (current only), honors, awards, and special accomplishments.

DO NOT SUBMIT POSITION DESCRIPTIONS. All applications must be signed and dated. All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of the Division of Personnel Management and is subject to verification. Careful consideration should be given to the information provided; fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and or determination of unsuitability for Federal employment. If position is **RE-ANNOUNCED**, please call the Division of Personnel Management as to status of application.

INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) FOR SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.

If you are currently a DHHS employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) you may be entitled to special priority selection under the DHHS Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a current DHHS career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) or be a current IHS excepted appointment (with no time limits) tenure group II excepted/competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a CES and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of the DHHS. You must submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by the DHHS in the same commuting area (or nationwide for IHS employees GS-09 and above) of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation etc.).
6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position, any documented selective factor, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position without undue interruption.

INFORMATION FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ICTAP).

If you are a displaced federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority

selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation notice, a letter from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.
 - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
 1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
 2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place; or
 3. Retired with a disability and shows disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
 4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates Retirement in lieu of RIF; or
 5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
 6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.
 - OR**
 - B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a Special OPM disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date & meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.)
6. Eligible applicants will be considered "well qualified" if their documented experience, knowledge, skill and abilities are comparable to or exceed that described at the acceptable level on the crediting plan for the position to be filled.

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